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**RUTLAND TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 17, 2017

7:00 P.M.

RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Ms. Barbara Pulling, Mr. Dana Peterson, Mr. Fred Nicholson, Mr. Norman Cohen, Mr. Howard Burgess, Mr. Andy McKane.

- Meeting called to order by Ms. Pulling at 7:03P.M.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mr. Nicholson moved to approve with the change that the approval of meeting minutes will be moved to the end of the meeting. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public Comment.

**New Business:**

**Dumas Subdivision:**

After some discussion and review between the Commission and Mr. Dumas Mr. Cohen moved to grant preliminary approval of the subdivision with the condition Mr. Dumas presents language to the Commission at the final hearing describing rights of way into lots 1, 2 and 3 on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Thomas Subdivision:**

After some discussion and review between the Commission and Mr. Thomas Mr. Cohen moved to grant preliminary approval of the subdivision as proposed with the condition there will be no development on the property. Mr. McKane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Burgess suggested Mr. Thomas get a deferral from the State that the lot will not be a building site to keep penalty fees down.

Local Concerns Meeting:

Ms. Pulling informed the Commission of a meeting with property owners regarding the connector road on Route 7 South on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at the Municipal Town Hall.

**Old Business:**

Stenographer:

Ms. Pulling informed the Commission the Select Board denied the request to hire a stenographer.

Renewable energy Plan:

Ms. Pulling informed the Commission the Select Board did not make a decision to hire a Viewshed Consultant because there was not a full Board.

The Commission discussed possible preferred areas for solar projects: behind the Town Transfer Station Stump Dump, US Business Route 4 West, behind the Diamond Run Mall, the end of Park Street, behind the Green Mountain Shopping Plaza, and the industrial southern part of Town.

The Commission decided to discuss the Selection of Strategies at the next meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

July 6, 2017: Mr. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. After some discussion motion passed 4-0-2. Mr. McKane and Mr. Peterson abstained from the vote.

July 27, 2017: Mr. Nicholson moved to approve with corrections. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. After a minor correction motion passed unanimously.

August 3, 2017: Mr. Nicholson moved to approve as presented. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nicholson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

